



YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM



The Youth Ambassadors Program with the Caribbean is a 3-week leadership exchange program in the United States for teenagers ages 15-18 and adult mentors. The program provides full scholarships for participants to take part in cultural and educational programming focused on civic engagement and social entrepreneurship.

Youth Ambassadors is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and is administered by World Learning in partnership with Georgetown University. The program aims to develop a cadre of young adults throughout the Americas who have a strong sense of civic responsibility, a commitment to their communities, an awareness of current and global issues, and strong interpersonal leadership skills. The program aims to promote mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration between people in the United States and other countries of the Western Hemisphere.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

All teen applicants must:

- Be a citizen and resident of the country they are applying to represent
- Be between the ages of 15 - 18 at the start of summer 2020
- Have at least one semester of high school left after September 2020
- Demonstrate leadership potential and community involvement
- Limited U.S. and other international travel
- Have parental/legal guardian permission
- Be enrolled in a public secondary school (private school students are ineligible)

All adult mentor applicants must:

- Be a citizen and resident of the country they are applying to represent
- Actively be working with youth in either a high school or community setting
- Be willing and able to meet periodically with selected students from their city/region during the 2020/2021 academic year to support and monitor their follow-on work

EXCHANGE PROGRAM DATES: JULY 30 - AUGUST 16, 2020

APPLY NOW AT: [YOUTHAMBASSADORSPROGRAM.ORG](https://youthambassadorsprogram.org)

Application open until March 6, 2020

Questions should be emailed to: PDGeorge@state.gov



PROGRAM GOALS

Participants will gain: Enhanced Language Skills | New Career & Academic Aspirations | Global Perspectives | Access to Scholarships & Fellowships | Leadership Development

YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM WITH THE CARIBBEAN

Participants will explore program themes such as civic education, leadership, and community service through the following activities: site meetings, experiential learning activities, leadership trainings, civic participation at the community level, mentoring by community, business, and NGO leaders, and volunteering. Additionally, participants will explore the United States via subthemes of youth resilience and social transformation.

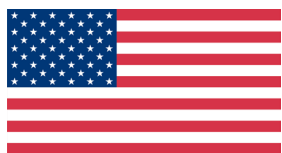
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The program begins with a pre-departure orientation at home where participants prepare for the exchange and apply for the U.S. visa. The U.S. exchange starts in select host communities across the United States. Program highlights include homestays with local families; engaging with local youth groups; participating in community service projects and conducting presentations at local organizations. Following their time in host communities, participants will travel to Washington, D.C. where they will have a session with the U.S. Department of State, visit historic and cultural sites and close out the program before returning home. Throughout the exchange, participants will create community based service initiatives to implement in their communities upon their return to the Caribbean.



SAMPLE SCHEDULE During Host Community Segment

7:30 AM	Breakfast with host family
8:45 AM	Meet Youth Ambassadors Group
9-10:30 AM	Workshop on Leadership Styles
11AM -12:30 PM	Civic Engagement Session
12:45-1:30 PM	Lunch at downtown market
2-5:00 PM	Volunteer project at youth lead community center
Evening	Activities with host family - dinner, movies, family activities, sightseeing, etc.



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